GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG RURAL YOUTHS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of unemployment among rural youths has increased between the period from 1993-94 and 1999-2000 in both males and females;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check the increasing rate of unemployment among rural youths ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) & (b): The estimates obtained from the Surveys conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation(NSSO)indicate that the Unemployment Rate (on the basis of Usual Principal Status) increased for rural males (aged 15-29 years)to 4.3% in 1999-2000 from 3.55% in 1993-94 and for rural females (aged 15-29 years) to 2.7% in 1999-2000 from 1.85% in 1993-94. The specific reasons for the change in these Rates have not been assessed.

(c) The Ministry ofRural Development has been implementing self and wage employment programmes namely Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY),Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) which can provide employment opportunities to rural youth of BPL families in their own location.